

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Road Commission Office located at 1107 S. Milwaukee Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carey and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brisson, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Carey, Commissioner Milbrath, and Commissioner Bilski

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Jim Harris, Superintendent of Operations; Sandra Lindholm, Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Julie LaCost, Attorney; Henry Wender, County Board Liaison; Ted Testolin, Waucedah Township; Todd Rowell, Superintendent of Roads; Quintin Olson, Dickinson County Road Commission; Denny Olson, Breitung Township; and Don Minerick, Sagola Township.

CITIZEN'S TIME: Don Minerick, Sagola Township, asked about the bids on the projects they are proposing to do. He was informed they will be out soon and opened in September.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA: Chairman Carey asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda and also to take off agenda item #12 as it was already discussed at the Special Meeting. Superintendent of Operations Harris stated he had received a request for a speed study and had letters to disperse to the each Board member. Chairman Carey stated because each Commissioner will be receiving a letter and will be informed it really wouldn't have to added to the agenda at this time. Superintendent of Operations Harris stated our Engineer Tech. is also already working on it. Commissioner Brisson requested the Revenue/Expenditure report be added to the agenda. Chairman Carey asked if we could simply move this request to item #12. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve the changes to the agenda. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED REPORTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve the Superintendent of Operations, Director of Finance, Engineer, Superintendent, and Construction Foremen reports as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes from the Regular Monthly Meeting on July 14, 2015 and Special Meeting on July 14, 2015. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve payrolls in the amount of \$130,443.25. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion

carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to approve time checks in the amount of \$136,354.30. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve material bills in the amount of \$161,982.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried. The total amount approved was \$428,779.55.

SIGN CONTRACTS WITH A. LINDBERG FOR KIMBERLY ROAD: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to sign the contracts. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

SIGN LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO VOLUNTEERING EMPLOYEES FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE: A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to sign the letters as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AWARD FROM THE COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION SELF INSURANCE FUND: Director of Finance Lindholm indicated our Road Commission was recognized at the Annual Meeting for having a modification factor below 1.0. Discussion took place regarding the efforts being made to continue to get this factor down and the Board shared some of their factors as well. This saves in premium as well as the amount of your refund check if refunds are warranted for the year.

REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT: Commissioner Brisson had questions regarding the changes made. Director of Finance Lindholm indicated they had worked on this in order to show the Board where we are opposed to this time last year as this seems to be the question that comes up. Commissioner Brisson asked if we could also add a year-to-date column for both current and prior years, this way we could see changes and trends. It was agreed.

AUTHORIZATION TO BID PAVEMENT MARKING: Engineer Malburg explained which roads they propose to do in the bid. Commissioner Milbrath asked if we should be bidding this earlier and Engineer Malburg agreed. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to authorize the bid. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: Henry Wender had nothing to report.

CITIZEN'S TIME: Don Minerick, Sagola Township, asked about having the mower back on Bice Creek Road and Lerza Road. Superintendent of Operations Harris stated we have had a lot of mechanical issues with the mowers and they have been down more than usual, but he would get it back up to that area.

COMMISSIONER'S PRIVILEGE: Lance updated the Board on the start time of the Pine Mountain Road as well as the Open House.

Superintendent of Operations Harris noted the shop lighting has been partially installed and the remaining will go up soon. He also noted an area being set up in the old Engineering Dept. in order for the mechanics to have an area to research a problem online as well as an area with training manuals and all the manuals for the trucks and equipment. This area will also be used for employee training.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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James Carey, Chairman

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Sandra Lindholm, Secretary